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Still seeking answers

Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner reviewing VPD's investigation of Langley RCMP shooting ◐ Friends and relatives call for end of police investigating themselves

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▶ More than 100 people demonstrated in front of Vancouver's RCMP headquarters yesterday, calling for justice in the police shooting death of 22-year-old Alvin Wright last year in Langley.

"Justice for Alvin."

That's what more than 100 of Alvin Wright's friends and family called for as they rallied outside the RCMP headquarters in Vancouver yesterday afternoon.

The 22-year-old father was shot in his upstairs bedroom after three Mounties responded to a 911 domestic-dispute call at his Langley home in August 2010.

Vancouver police investigated the Langley RCMP shooting and announced last week that the veteran officer involved would not be charged.

Al Wright, Alvin's father, said he still has a lot of questions.

"There's no answers as to what happened," Wright said. "The police keep you out of the loop. They don't involve you in the investigation. You almost feel like a suspect."

But Wright said the decision of the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner (OPCC) to take a second look at the VPD's investigation is "a step in the right direction."

Rob Getz, Alvin's foster brother, said there ought to be changes in the RCMP contract, should it be renewed, to make sure no one else has to face what they've endured.

"There needs to be some changes ... to have them held accountable, to have a different way of policing them and investigating situations like this," Getz said. "(Alvin) was a great father, a great person. This is the kind of person that this thing should never have happened to."

David Eby of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association said the province is "simply not moving fast enough" in ending the system of police investigating themselves.

"We need the province to act in a far more expeditious manner than they have been in reforming police death investigations," Eby said. "In particular, bringing in a new independent (civilian-led) investigation office that they said will be in place at the end of this year, but for which they have yet to hire a head for this new organization."

A coroner's inquest into Wright's death has been scheduled for March 2012.

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Rent bank pitched

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Occupy death confirmed as overdose

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▶ Ashlie Gough

Ashlie Gough was dead for several hours before fellow Occupy Vancouver protesters found her body, the B.C. Coroner's Service declared yesterday.

Regional coroner Owen Court released the autopsy results in the 23-year-old Victoria woman's death and confirmed Gough had died of a drug overdose. A lethal mixture of cocaine and heroin was found in her system.

Gough was found unresponsive in one of the Occupy Vancouver tents at 4:40 p.m. on Nov. 5. Emergency responders attempted "aggressive resuscitation efforts" but could not revive the young woman, the report states. Testing showed that Gough was likely dead for several hours in the tent.

Her death is seen to be the tipping point for the City of Vancouver's stance on the protest, which has been ongoing outside the Vancouver Art Gallery since Oct. 15. After the death — preceded by another non-fatal overdose — Mayor Gregor Robertson announced the city was actively seeking to end the occupation. The city returns to the Supreme Court of B.C. on Wednesday as it seeks a court injunction to shut the site down. MATT KIELTYKA

KENDRA WONG/FOR METRO

▶ Mayor Gregor Robertson at Nelson Park in the West End yesterday.

Mayor: Rent bank would help tenants

Tool could provide short-term emergency loans to help renters in crisis
Startup costs privately funded
Would also rely on donations

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Vision Vancouver added another tool to ensure renter protection yesterday.

Mayor Gregor Robertson proposed the implementation of a rent bank to provide short-term emergency loans to renters in crisis that he hopes will prevent homelessness in the city.

If renters lose their jobs, the rent bank would allow them to withdraw one month's rent to prevent eviction.

The program received support from the Streeto-Home Foundation, and would receive private funding from Fiore Financial Corporation CEO and President Frank Giustra.

According to Robertson, Giustra's donation covers the startup costs of the program, which would be reliant on community donations.

"Having a rent bank is another tool in Vancouver where we can prevent catastrophe in their lives so people don't lose their homes and end up on the street," said Robertson, who estimated that 52 per cent of Vancouver residents are renters.

He expects financial institutions to administer and oversee the rent bank, noting the bank would come at minimal cost to the city.

The Coalition of Progressive Electors have also pledged their support for the program.

Rent banks are administered elsewhere: in Surrey, Prince George, Victoria and Calgary.

There are more than 67,000 rental units in the City of Vancouver.

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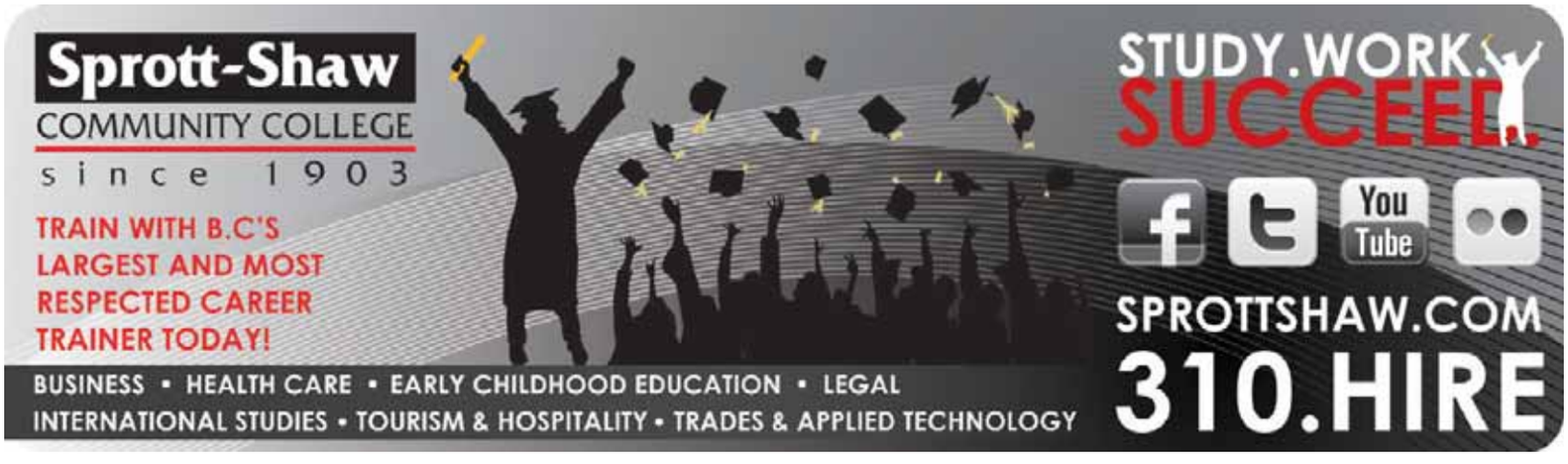
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▶ Council candidate Joe Carangi says the NPA team embraces individual ideas as the resurgent association prepares for election day.

Non-Partisan Association prepares to bounce back

Traditional powerhouse looking to reverse fortunes ◐ City votes Nov. 19

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Three years of relative obscurity could be coming to an end when Vancouverites head to the polls this week.

In 2008, the Non-Partisan Association (NPA) went from being the incumbent power in Vancouver politics to being a split, fractured camp that managed just a single council seat in city hall.

But with the municipal election looming, many feel the hiatus is over, with the NPA having a relatively stable and focused campaign.

"The NPA has held quite steady (in voter support), and that suggests there will be some trading of seats," said pollster Barb Justason. "(In 2008), they stayed home. It was a bit more of a soap opera, and this time feels like a more even election being held out in the open."

"The NPA isn't a party. We share a general direction and come at it from that point of view but aren't required to agree or vote the same way."
SUZANNE ANTON, NON-PARTISAN ASSOCIATION

Justason's own poll, conducted Oct. 21, showed Vision Vancouver incumbent Mayor Gregor Robertson well ahead in approval, at 53 per cent compared to NPA challenger Suzanne Anton's 31.

But Justason says there are many signs that indicate Anton may be closing in, in large part due to her consistent stance against the Occupy Vancouver tent city and recent debate performances.

There's also a real battle for council seats.

Justason said it's hard to imagine the NPA not increasing its presence in the council chambers — especially since its candidates have been allowed to push many of their own individual agendas under the NPA banner.

In comparison, Vision Vancouver has run a more uniform party slate.

"I don't think it makes for good governance, " Anton, used to being the lone voice of dissent, said. "The NPA isn't a party. We share a general direction and come at it from that point of view but aren't required to agree or vote the same way."

Though the tactic has come under some criticism (especially when a group of seven NPA candidates distributed their own pamphlet with no mention of Anton or the rest of the team), that freedom is helping candidates carve out a name for themselves.

Lawyer Joe Carangi — who insists he's not running for council to tow a party line — is one of those hopefuls benefiting from a looser leash.

He's made headlines for himself by championing the cause of East Vancouver residents tired of seeing Nanaimo Street used as a trucking route and sticks to his individuality.

"The NPA allows people to bring their own ideas to the table," Carangi said. "I'd rather disagree with my fellow city councillors, NPA included, if I know I'm doing the right thing for the neighbourhood. That's what it's all about."

Whatever happens, Justason says this year's race for council seats — which also includes a trio of COPE candidates and high-profile Green Adriane Carr — is shaping up to be a good one.

"It's not possible to predict it," Justason said. "We could end up with a real array of parties represented in council. It's a real race."

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Did Vancouver Fashion Week earlier this month get you thinking? A lot of us believe that being a fashion designer is a career one can only dream of. The fact is that if you are truly passionate about fashion, then you might want to consider pursuing the fashion designer's career path.

6 steps to becoming a fashion designer:

1 Identify a solid interest in the fashion world.
2 Research on fashion schools best suited for you.
3 Apply for a program that will develop your talent.
4 Study anywhere between one and four years.
5 Acquire hands-on experience by way of internships.
6 Begin your career with an entry level position in the fashion industry.

Where can school bring you?

Now despite having a passion for fashion, unless you can network your way up to Dior's atelier or make a phone call and get a position as Jean-Paul Gaultier's assistant, you'll need to choose and apply to a fashion school. The best thing about them is that they collaborate closely with the industry. In receiving formal training in fashion, you will develop drawing skills to help you communicate your ideas. Learning to sew is also an asset you will acquire since any fashion training will take you through all stages of production from patternmaking to garment confection.

There are many academies and fashion institutes to choose from around the world. Ideally you want to decide on a school that carries an international reputation so that their name can get your foot in the door. Depending on your prior education, be prepared to study anywhere from 1 to 4 years if you want to be equipped with the basic skills to make it in such a challenging industry.

Fashion designers are also business-savvy

The ability to design trend-setting collections is one thing, but being able to market and sell your talent is another. Knowing the basics of economics and understanding the corporate dimension of the fashion industry is the foundation for any designer's success.

Here are a few internationally renowned fashion schools to get you started in your fashion designer career path:

- LaSalle College International Vancouver, Canada
- Melbourne School of Fashion, Australia
- London College of Fashion, UK
- Amsterdam Fashion Institute, Netherlands
- Polimoda Fashion School, Institute of Design and Marketing, Italy

Province courting Bollywood

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▶ Bollywood stars Bipasha Basu, left, and Ritesh Deshmukh stand near a Maharaja statue that was presented at the 2011 IIFA's opening press conference at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

▶ Province developing bid to host 14th annual International Indian Film Academy Awards ▶ Festival cost Toronto about $10.5 million

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The most popular Bollywood stars could be coming to Vancouver if the province wins a bid to host the International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA), Premier Christy Clark announced yesterday.

The province, in collaboration with the Canadian Indian Business Council and the Surrey Board of Trade, is developing the bid to host the 14th annual festival in 2013.

The three-day event, dubbed the Oscars of Indian film, celebrates Indian cinema with film premieres, musical performances, business and trade forums, and an awards night.

"The event presents an opportunity to remind 700 million TV viewers around the (world) about the reasons they should visit and invest in our province, creating jobs for British Columbians," said Clark on a trade mission to India.

She estimated the festival could bring in 40,000 visitors from other countries.

If B.C. wins the bid, Vancouver will become the second North American city to host the festival.

Last year's festival was held in Toronto and cost the city an estimated $10.5 million, including $5.1 million spent producing the show and events related to the film awards and $5.2 million on the cost of hotel bills, hospitality costs, airfare, ground transportation and travel visas.

ANDREW NGUYEN/LEMONGRASS MEDIA

Epic cycle journey ends

▶ Crowds greet Michael Schratter as he arrives at Rogers Arena Saturday at the end of his 469-day cycle around the world to raise awareness about mental-health issues.

Hundreds welcome bike hero

"It's given me hope that, one day soon, people with mental illness won't have to suffer alone in silence or be discriminated against, and will get the support they need."
MICHAEL SCHRATTER

More than 200 people joined Michael Schratter on his bike ride Saturday to Rogers Arena from Tsawwassen and Richmond at the end of his worldwide bike journey. Schratter left Vancouver Aug. 1, 2010, with the goal of cycling 40,000 kilometres and raising $100,000 in the name of mental-health issues like depression, anxiety and schizophrenia.

"It's completely surreal to be where I am after almost a year and a half cycling around the world, waking up in small towns where I was the only foreigner locals had ever seen, to meeting amazing people who understood the mission I was on," Schratter said.

Among the milestones noted during Schratter's journey were drinking cobra blood vodka while cycling through Ha Noi in Vietnam and proposing to his girlfriend in Hong Kong.

The Vancouver school teacher was also detained by police in Argentina and saw termites fall from the sky like snow for 10 minutes in Thailand. Schratter cycled in daylight at 3 a.m. during the summer solstice in Finland and met a Nepalese man who had been biking since 2003.

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$65K

Schratter's campaign, Ride Don't Hide, raised almost $65,000 for youth programs put on by the Canadian Mental Health Association, short of his $100,000 goal.

469

Schratter's 469-day journey took him down the West Coast of the United States, Mexico and South America before he flew to Australia and cycled through Asia to Europe.

Canucks support cause

Vancouver Canucks general manager Mike Gillis cycled the final leg from Richmond, despite arriving back in Vancouver at 3:30 a.m.

He also gave Schratter a Kevin Bieksa jersey and said the cause was "close to our hearts."

In October, the Canucks donated $50,000 to the B.C. Children's Hospital for mental-illness programs. The donation was made in the name of Canucks forward Rick Rypien who battled depression and took his own life this summer.

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Self-financed

- Schratter landed in Halifax on Aug. 15 after more than a year away and cycled almost 10,000 kilometres across Canada.
- His self-financed trip visited 33 countries and six continents.
- Schratter still aims to meet his $100,000 goal, and is collecting donations through ridedonthide.com.

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B.C. woman fighting for the right to die

Women with ALS challenging Canadian law that prohibits assisted suicide Supreme Court last ruled on euthanasia debate back in 1993

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▶ Gloria Taylor at a press conference in Vancouver earlier this year.

It's been nearly 20 years since Canada's laws on assisted suicide have been challenged by a terminally ill person, and now a similar right-to-die case has thrust the issue back into the spotlight.

Today, lawyers for Gloria Taylor, 63, will be in B.C. Supreme Court to argue against laws that make it a crime to help seriously ill people end their lives.

She suffers from ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease, an incurable illness that gradually weakens and degenerates muscles to the point of paralysis.

Taylor is one of five plaintiffs in the case, which also includes family physician Dr. William Shoichet, the B.C. Civil Liberties Association and Lee Carter and her husband Hollis Johnson. The couple took Carter's mother to Switzerland two years ago so she could die with the help of a doctor.

"Lee and Hollis feel they could be criminally prosecuted for assisting her mother and that's why they are challenging the laws," said B.C. Civil Liberties lawyer Grace Pastine, adding Kay Carter suffered from spinal stenosis, which involves a narrowing of the spine.

"She was essentially going to end up lying in a hospital bed, flat like an ironing board."

While advocates for doctor-assisted suicide say it's time for Canada to amend the laws, opponents argue the issue raises serious concerns about abuse by people who stand to gain from the death of someone who may not be in a position to provide consent to assisted suicide.

The right-to-die, or euthanasia, debate last arose in 1993 when the Supreme Court of Canada ruled 5-4 against Victoria resident Sue Rodriguez's battle to change the law. She also had ALS and died illegally the following year with the help of an anonymous doctor.

Sheila Tucker, one of the lawyers involved in Taylor's case, said that since the Rodriguez case, other jurisdictions, including Oregon, Washington and Belgium, have adopted laws to protect people from being influenced or pushed into planning their own deaths.

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Police consider charges after two crashes, one death

Police in the Lower Mainland are investigating two separate crashes that killed one person and sent several others to hospital.

RCMP say poor weather and speed may have contributed to a fatal crash around 9:30 p.m. Saturday night in Langley.

An 18-year-old passenger, identified as Dylan Reichelt, son of B.C. Lions Football Club's athletic therapist Bill Reichelt, was declared dead at the scene after a BMW went off the road, hit a tree and came to rest against another.

Mounties are considering recommending charges for that driver, as well as for the driver of a second car that also lost control while travelling alongside the BMW.

Meanwhile in downtown Vancouver, firefighters had to cut two people out of a car after it clipped an empty street sweeper just before 4 a.m.

Three people are in hospital getting tested to determine the extent of their non-life-threatening injuries.

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Discharge justifies riot reaction: Police

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Vancouver Police Chief Jim Chu reaffirmed the force's initial decision not to rush charges against Stanley Cup rioters after an 18-year-old linked to the riot received an absolute discharge.

Karanvir Singh Saran was arrested, just one day after the Canucks' loss to the Boston Bruins in the Stanley Cup final, by Surrey RCMP and charged for possession of stolen property.

He pleaded guilty on Nov. 2 in the Surrey provincial court for possessing clothing stolen from a store during the June 15 riot. Saran was given an absolute discharge, which means he will not have a criminal record.

Surrey RCMP led the investigation and made the arrest, which was independent from the Integrated Riot Investigation Team's investigation.

Saran allegedly bragged about the stolen items to his friends at school, but the Crown concluded there wasn't sufficient evidence to prove his guilt.

Vancouver police Chief Jim Chu said the absolute discharge supports the force's decision to take its time with the investigations.

MURDER INVESTIGATION

Letter has schools on edge

The mysterious murder of a teenager in Armstrong has prompted the region's school district to take extra precautions to protect students.

Supt. David Witt of the North Okanagan Shuswap School District says the whole community is on edge after the Halloween-night slaying of 18-year-old Taylor Van Diest.

Witt says area schools are taking extra precautions to ensure all students are accounted for daily while supervision has been increased.

He says students and parents are concerned after someone claiming responsibility for the crime sent police a letter with a warning that more women will be targeted.

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Grey Cup tickets released

A limited number of single tickets for the 99th annual Grey Cup Championship game were released on Saturday, announced the CFL and the B.C. Lions.

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Tickets can be purchased at 2011greycupfestival.ca or by calling 1-855-473-9287.

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Companies fined over oil spill

The provincial court has ordered three oil companies to pay $550,000 in fines and penalties for their part in an oil spill in Burnaby in 2007.

B. Cusano Contracting Inc., R.F. Binnie Associates Ltd., and Kinder Morgan subsidiary Trans Mountain Pipeline L.P. must pay $1,000 and make a $149,000 contribution to a conservation fund.

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Egyptian blogger taken into custody

Egypt's military ordered a prominent blogger to be held in custody for 15 more days yesterday in a move likely to focus criticism against the country's ruling generals in the run-up to parliamentary elections, due to begin later this month.

The detention of Alaa Abdel-Fattah, a well known blogger and leader during the 18-day uprising that ousted President Hosni Mubarak in February, has elicited international condemnation and galvanized those who accuse the army of using Mubarak-era tactics to smear critics.

His family has used his case to draw attention to the 12,000 Egyptians who have faced military trials this year — one of the key issues that have brought relations between activists and the military to a new low.

Protesters welcomed Egypt's army when it deployed in the streets during the uprising and praised it for not firing on demonstrators. Months later, however, some fear that the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces, which took control after Mubarak's fall, will not willingly give up power to a civilian authority. Others accuse the military of reviving hated practices of the Mubarak era.

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Family history

▶ The blogger's father, Ahmed Seif al-Islam, spent five years in the same prison complex that now holds his son. The father was jailed for underground organizing against the Mubarak regime during the 1980s.

▶ His mother, Laila Soueif, a mathematics professor and longtime campaigner for academic freedom, said that yesterday marked her eighth day without food to protest her son's arrest. She vows to continue until he's free.

World in brief

Israel limits funding

JERUSALEM. Senior Israeli cabinet ministers took a significant step yesterday toward curbing foreign funding for political not-for-profit organizations, a measure that opponents see as trying to muzzle dovish groups critical of the government.

The Ministerial Committee for Legislation approved a bill that would limit donations by foreign governments or international bodies such as the United Nations or European Union.

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Hamas being targeted

GAZA. Weeks after a new round of fighting with Gaza militants subsided, a senior Israeli military official said yesterday that Israel is ready and able to topple the territory's Hamas government, though it has no immediate plans to do so.

The official also said Gaza militants now have rockets capable of striking Tel Aviv, Israel's cultural and business hub.

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No trial in sensitive case

SWITZERLAND. Swiss prosecutors will opt to avoid a public trial for three Swiss men suspected of giving nuclear-weapons technology and supplies to a rogue network in Pakistan, a newspaper reported yesterday.

The case is politically sensitive for Switzerland and the United States because of alleged national-security implications.

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▶ People watch police officers ride past in the shovel of a bulldozer in the Rocinha slum in Rio de Janeiro. Elite police units backed by armoured military vehicles and helicopters invaded the largest slum in this seaside Olympic city early yesterday.

Soldiers move in on Brazilian shantytown

Operation part of effort to improve country's image before 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympics ◐ Took police 90 minutes to gain control

More than 3,000 police and soldiers backed by armoured personnel carriers raced into Brazil's biggest slum before dawn yesterday, quickly gaining control of a shantytown ruled for decades by a heavily armed drug gang.

"We're taking back this territory for the 100,000 citizens of Rocinha, people who have needed peace," said Sergio Cabral, governor of Rio de Janeiro state.

The action in Rocinha is part of a campaign to drive the drug gangs out of the city's slums, where the traffickers often rule unchallenged. The city of Rio de Janeiro has more than 1,000 shantytowns where about one-third of its six million people live.

Police simultaneously overran the neighbouring Vidigal slum, also previously dominated by the drug gang Friends of Friends.

Both slums sit between two of Rio's richest neighbourhoods, and Rocinha's ramshackle shacks climb a mountainside covered in Atlantic rain forest. Police methodically cleared alleys and streets on their way up steep, winding roads.

Huey helicopters continued to pound the air above, crisscrossing the hill and flying low over the jungle surrounding the slum, as police hunted down suspects who may have fled into the forest. By midday, local outlets reported just one arrest, though that couldn't be independently confirmed.

Residents peeked out their windows and stared as the massive armoured carriers blasted up streets. Rifle-toting officers from the BOPE police units, made famous by two Elite Squad films, trained their weapons down narrow corridors.

One resident applauded the police invasion. "Tell the world we're not all drug traffickers! We're working people and now they're coming to liberate us," a man yelled as police rolled by.

Officials are calling on shantytown residents to help law enforcement find drugs and weapons hidden in the community. The head of Rio's civil police, Marta Rocha, made a special appeal to the "mothers, sisters, grandmothers, aunts" to collaborate with the peacekeeping effort.

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Leader's house

▶ Down a side alleyway, police discovered a house they said belonged to the No. 2 gang leader, Sandro Luiz de Paula Amorim, known as "Peixe," who was captured by police a few days earlier as they circled Rocinha with roadblocks.

▶ In stark contrast to the impoverished shacks around it, Amorim's three-storey home was outfitted with a large whirlpool bath, swimming pool, massive aquarium, high-definition TV and just one book: the ancient Chinese military text Art of War.

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U.K. defends William's posting

Angry Argentine official says sending royal to Falkland Islands is a provocative act Prince to stay on British outpost for six weeks

British officials yesterday defended the deployment of Prince William to the Falkland Islands, after Argentina reportedly condemned the move as a provocative act.

The Defence Ministry announced this week that the 29-year-old prince, a Royal Air Force search-and-rescue pilot, will be posted to the British outpost for six weeks next year.

The deployment — which will come shortly before the 30th anniversary of Argentina's defeat in the Falklands War — appeared to anger some Argentines.

An Argentine official, Sebastian Brugo Marco, told the paper La Nacion that the move was a "provocative act."

But Britain's chief of armed forces, David Richards, insisted yesterday that it "wasn't and isn't designed to be" that way.

"Prince William, along with his brother, Prince Harry, is a regular member of the armed forces, and they do their stint in the roster that comes all our ways," Richards told Sky News.

Officials said William's posting is a normal part of his training and that he would not undertake any ceremonial royal duties during the deployment. His wife, Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, will remain in Britain.

William, the second in line to the throne, will begin the deployment in February.

His uncle, Prince Andrew, served in the Falklands conflict as a Sea King helicopter pilot.

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War in 1982

- Britain has ruled the Falklands, which lie 460 kilometres east of Argentina's coast, for more than 180 years, but Argentina claims sovereignty over the islands, which it calls Las Malvinas. The two countries fought a brief war over the islands in 1982.
- Britain still maintains about 1,000 troops in the territory, which is home to about 3,000 people.

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▶ Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, and the Duke of Edinburgh stand during the service of remembrance at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London, yesterday. The Queen and other senior members of the royal family led the annual Remembrance Day ceremony to honour the nation's war dead.

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Afghan cenotaph coming home

▶ Canadian Forces engineers pack away commemorative plaques as they dismantle the Canadian War Memorial at Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan on Saturday.

Names, likeness of the fallen

Soldiers at Kandahar Airfield are taking apart the white marble cenotaph that bears the names and likenesses of the Canadians who have lost their lives as part of the mission in Afghanistan.

The cenotaph has long been a sombre fixture at the airfield.

"It's a sense of profound pride that these soldiers are taking this apart and having the opportunity to repatriate some of the faces and names of our 158 fallen."

LT.-COL. MARK FLINT, WHO LEADS THE TEAM OF ENGINEERS WHO ARE PACKING UP THE CENOTAPH

Erecting new monument

The Defence Department has said it plans to erect a new monument in the Ottawa area. One spot the military is apparently considering is Beechwood Cemetery in the city's east end, which is already home to the national military cemetery where many veterans are buried.

A piece to stay on temporarily

One piece of the monument won't return home just yet.

A jagged chunk of rock will be sent back to Kabul. There, it will function as a temporary memorial for the Canadian soldiers who continue to serve as part of the NATO training mission.

158

A team of engineers is packing up the 158 black granite etchings of every Canadian killed as part of the Afghan mission. The plaques and the marble structure will be shipped back to Canada.

Time to leave

- The Canadian Forces have taken down more than 200 structures at Kandahar Airfield and moved 1,800 sea containers and close to 1,000 vehicles.
- The military expects to be completely out of Kandahar Airfield by mid-December.

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Role-model teacher remembered

Friend says Pelland's death was case of wrong place, wrong time

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▶ Jean Francois Pelland

To his friends he was an avid traveller and an ideal ambassador for Canada. To his students, the man known simply as "Mr. Jeff" was a passionate role model.

Those who knew Jean Francois Pelland spent the weekend expressing their shock and sadness after the 34-year-old died of gunshot wounds in an Egyptian hospital.

"He will be greatly missed by everyone here," his co-workers at Cairo's British Columbia Canadian International School said in a statement yesterday.

"During his short time here, he had a significant impact on all of us."

Pelland, a teacher who became vice-principal of the school this August, died on Friday, two days after men fired on his car thinking it was carrying members of a rival tribe.

His employer said the "naturally friendly" Montrealer was touring southern Egypt in a taxi with a friend when shots were fired after their driver refused to stop for an illegal road block.

Pelland's death highlighted the family feuds and revenge attacks which are common in southern Egypt, where many families take the law into their own hands.

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Resort. Blaze

▶ Mike and Nancy Rogers pose for wedding photographer Nicholas Augustus as White Point Beach Resort's main lodge burns in the background on Saturday in Nova Scotia. There were no injuries, with staff and guests — including several kids' hockey teams — getting out safely after the fire was detected.

NICHOLAS AUGUSTUS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nova Scotia wedding takes place despite fire at lodge

Nancy Rogers was lacing up her wedding dress when word came of a fire spreading through the White Point Beach Resort lodge where she was to be married. Even though flames were shooting 20 metres into the air, Rogers and her fiancé, Michael, decided to plow ahead with the ceremony, with staff at the Nova Scotia resort moving the wedding to another building. She said it wasn't until after the ceremony that she realized how bad the fire was and that all of her wedding gifts and flowers had been destroyed. "It was completely engulfed and everything was up in flames," she said. "We lost all of that stuff, but that's not important to us. We got the most important things."

Tsunami fears rise after strong quake shakes Indonesia

A strong earthquake hit waters off eastern Indonesia early Monday, local time, sending people along coastlines fleeing to high ground in panic. Officials said, however, there was no threat of a tsunami.

The 6.3-magnitude quake was centred 20 kilometres beneath the Molucca Sea, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

Many people in Ternate, the town in North Maluku province that was closest to the epicenter, ran from their homes and offices as the ground rattled beneath them, said George Rajaloa, a resident.

"I ran with everyone else," he said.

Fearing a tsunami, those living near the beach also fled to high ground.

But Suhardjono, from the Indonesian meteorological and geophysics agency, said there was no danger of a seismically triggered wave.

Indonesia straddles fault lines that make the vast island nation prone to volcanic and seismic activity.

A giant quake off the country on Dec. 26, 2004, triggered a tsunami in the Indian Ocean that killed 230,000 people, half of them in Indonesia's westernmost province of Aceh.

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Diamond sells for bargain price

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But the diamond sold for $2.7 million ($3 million when commission is included) to a mysterious international buyer at an auction yesterday afternoon at the Royal Ontario Museum. It was expected to bring in around $4 million.

"For that diamond, it is ridiculously low. But at the same time we just a set a new record in Canada," said Kashif Khan, managing director of Ritchies Auctioneers. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Lauder, the pink activist, dies at 75

Pink was Evelyn Lauder's colour.

In 1992, Lauder, an executive at cosmetics giant Estee Lauder Cos., the company founded by her mother-in-law, worked with her friend Alexandra Penney to create the pink ribbon campaign for breast cancer awareness.

That grew into fundraising products and congressional designation of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

▶ Evelyn Lauder

Lauder died Saturday at her Manhattan home from complications of nongenetic ovarian cancer. She was 75.

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News in brief

Hackers threaten T.O.

TORONTO. The hacker group Anonymous is standing up for Toronto's Occupy movement. In a video released on YouTube, the group threatens to launch a cyber-attack on the city if officials interfere with the month-long demonstration. METRO

Occupy Nova Scotia to stay

HALIFAX. Occupy Nova Scotia protesters say they will continue their protest even after this weekend's eviction from HRM parks and subsequent string of arrests.

Spokesperson Ian Matheson says the group is now looking for places they can occupy without interference from the city.

"We feel we're continuing to occupy now — in that occupy is a broad term that we're using to refer to reclaiming of public places and ideas," said Matheson.

Matheson says the group will speak with lawyers about their protest rights and alleged incidents of excess force used by police. METRO

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Showdown in Portland

Occupy protesters in Oregon city defy eviction notice, flock to site
Police move in to clear space

NATALIE BEHRING/GETTY IMAGES

▶ A man is arrested for throwing something at a police officer at Occupy Portland yesterday.

In a tense escalation of the Occupy Portland protest, police in riot gear yesterday surrounded demonstrators in a downtown park area after hundreds of people defied the mayor's order to leave the park by midnight.

By early afternoon, officers had mostly surrounded the camp where the protesters were holding a "general assembly" meeting to discuss their next moves following the eviction order.

Some officers used nightsticks to push people away from the encampment and used loudspeakers to warn that anyone who resisted risked arrest and "may also be subject to chemical agents and impact weapons." Demonstrators chanted "we are a peaceful protest."

Police could be seen carrying at least one protester away from the park. Another man was taken away on a stretcher; he was alert and talking to paramedics, and raised a peace sign to fellow protesters, who responded with cheers.

Portland Mayor Sam Adams had ordered the camp shut down Saturday at midnight, citing unhealthy conditions and the encampment's attraction of drug users and thieves.

Camp problems

Police in riot gear surrounded protesters in a downtown park area after hundreds refused to leave.

- **Mayor Sam Adams had** ordered the camp shut down over the weekend.
- **Yesterday, at an** impromptu news conference, he defended his order, saying it's his job to enforce the law and keep the peace. "This is not a game," he said.
- **He also noted that** enacting the eviction order may require more patience.

In Portland, at one point overnight, the crowd swelled to thousands. As dawn arrived, riot police had retreated and most of the crowds had gone home, but protesters who have been at the two parks since Oct. 6 were still there.

One of the organizers, Jim Oliver, said the night had been a victory for Occupy Portland.

"We stood up to state power," Oliver told The Associated Press, standing on a corner opposite the camp. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Far-right suspect arrested in Germany

Extremist reportedly linked to terrorist group that killed nine civilians, one cop

German police arrested a new suspect yesterday after the discovery of an extremist group believed to have killed 10 people in what the country's top security official called "a new form of far-right terrorism."

Police arrested a 37-year-old German on suspicion of belonging to the right-wing extremists, and prosecutors labelled the National Socialist Underground group a terrorist organization.

Prosecutors suspect the group, which was discovered only last week, of having murdered eight people of Turkish origin, one Greek national and a German policewoman over the past decade.

"Now it is all about finding out whether ... more people were involved, whether there's a network, finding out which dimension all this has," Interior Minister Hans-Peter Friedrich told reporters in Berlin.

"It looks like, after all the evidence that we have so far, that we are experiencing a new form of far right terrorism," he said, adding that the case was unusual because the group did not publicly claim responsibility or vaunt its actions within the far right scene.

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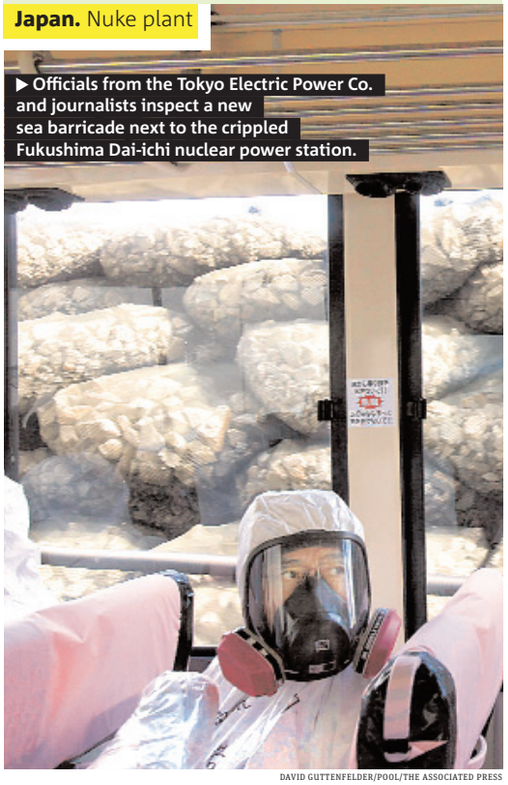
"It is shocking ... And it is shameful that something like this happened in our country."
CHANCELLOR ANGELA MERKEL TO PUBLIC BROADCASTER ARD, ADDING THE "ALARMING FINDINGS" POINT TO "STRUCTURES THAT WE HAVE NOT IMAGINED"

Japan. Nuke plant



▶ Officials from the Tokyo Electric Power Co. and journalists inspect a new sea barricade next to the crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power station.

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Media take nuclear tour

Media allowed into Japan's nuclear power plant saw twisted vehicles, crumbling reactor buildings and piles of untouched rubble. To see more photos, go to metronews.ca.

46 arrested over Polish clashes

Polish prosecutors have filed criminal charges against 46 people suspected of attacking police during Independence Day marches in Warsaw.

The charges yesterday come as Polish authorities have moved quickly to put on trial those arrested in Friday's attacks. Officials are taking a tough stance against violence before the Euro 2012 soccer championships next

The riot captured headlines around the world and was some of the worst street violence in Poland in years.

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Of 210 arrested, 92 were Germans, many of whom have been allowed to return home, a spokesperson for the prosecutors said.

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Mario Monti takes helm in Italy

‘Super Mario’ must now prevent an Italian default that could tear apart the eurozone and plunge the the continent back into recession ◐ Rival parties pledge conditional support

Economist Mario Monti accepted the monumental task yesterday of trying to form a new government that can rescue Italy from financial ruin.

His selection came a day after Silvio Berlusconi reluctantly resigned as prime minister, bowing out after world markets pummelled Italy’s borrowing ability, reflecting a loss of faith in his leadership.

Berlusconi quit after the Italian parliament approved new reform measures demanded by the EU and central bank officials. But even those are not considered enough to right Italy’s ailing economy.

Monti, 68, is a former economics professor who won a reputation as a tough EU competition commissioner, a role that also earned him the nickname “Super Mario.”

He must now draw up a Cabinet, lay out his priorities and win a confidence vote in parliament before he can lead the nation.

Monti told reporters in Rome that he will carry out his task “with a great sense of responsibility and service toward this nation.”

“We owe it to our children, to give them a concrete future of dignity and hope,” he said.

Italy’s economy is hampered by high wage costs, low productivity, fat government payrolls, excessive taxes, choking bureaucracy and an educational system that produces one of the lowest levels of university graduates among rich countries.

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“There is an emergency, but we can overcome it with a common effort. In a moment of particular difficulty, Italy must win the challenge to bounce back. We must be an element of strength and not weakness in the European Union, of which we are founders.”

MARIO MONTI, INCOMING ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER

In addition, as the third-largest economy in the eurozone, Italy is considered too big for Europe to bail out like Greece, Portugal and Ireland have been.

The next Italian government needs to push through even more painful reforms to deal with 1.9 trillion euros in debt, about 120 per cent of the country’s economic output.

Many of those debts are coming due soon: Italy has to roll over more than 300 billion euros of its debts next year alone.

Berlusconi’s ranks and that of his allies have been clamouring for early elections. But President Giorgio Napolitano cited approaching treasury bond auctions — one as early as today and other bonds maturing in the next few months — as a main reason he decided to “avoid early elections and the consequent government vacuum” until a new one could be formed.

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Stealth fighter maker lining up for more Canadian government contracts

Lockheed Martin, builder of the controversial F-35 stealth fighter, is lining up to bid on the Conservative government’s purchase of fixed-wing planes.

The world’s largest defence contractor wants to build more Hercules transports for the air force, defence and industry sources say.

But the entrance of the Bethesda, Md.-based company into the bidding is likely to cause even more controversy in the political and defence communities.

Aside from the continuing debate over the stealth fighter, Lockheed Martin was the recipient of a multibillion-dollar untendered contract for cargo planes and irked Industry Canada when it came to appropriation of regional benefits. The department was so put out that it held up Cabinet approval of the F-35 for about a year.

Once it is released, a request for proposals is expected to draw interest from not only Lockheed Martin and Aleina, but also Europe-based Airbus Military, Bombardier in Montreal and perhaps Viking Air, another Canadian company.

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EV stations coming to a corner near you

Better Place, an Israeli-American electric-vehicle company, has secured an additional $200 million US in financing to create the world’s first network of charging stations.

New investors include General Electric Co. and UBS AG, founder and CEO Shai Agassi says. Since 2007, Better Place has raised more than $750 million US.

Agassi says production on the stations will begin in Israel and Denmark in the next few months, with plans to build a network around the world. Its partner, Renault, is making the cars.

The company says its service will cost about the same as it does to fill up a gasoline-powered car. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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▶ A crowd of Romans celebrate on Saturday night after Silvio Berlusconi resigned as prime minister of Italy.

Germany to EU: Help wanted

With a shrinking labour force and buoyant economy, Germany needs skilled workers to keep its industrial engine churning and is seeking them from Greece, Spain and Portugal where unemployment is soaring amid fears of financial implosion.

Germany quickly overcame the financial meltdown that started in 2008 and unemployment is now at a 20-year low of 6.6 per cent. Companies are so desperate for workers that the government has taken to organizing matchmaking sessions between German firms and job seekers from debt-ridden countries.

While there are no hard numbers on how many professionals from Europe's crisis zone have been hired in Germany, immigration has shot up by 13 per cent in the past five years, and more than half of the newcomers are from the EU.

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▶ Enrique Serratosa, 22, of Barcelona, is one of many young professionals who plan to leave their crisis-ridden home countries for Germany and elsewhere.

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Summit yields movement on pact

Obama administration makes headway on free-trade bloc and better economic integration with China

Asia-Pacific leaders held their annual summit yesterday, having claimed progress on a U.S.-backed free-trade bloc that received praise from American businesses and labour, but drew a less enthusiastic response from China and Russia.

The balmy weather for the gathering at a resort on the west side of the island of Oahu contrasted with pessimism over the economic outlook expressed by many attending the summit. With Europe again on the brink of recession, Asia's vital role as a driver of global growth is gaining even greater urgency.

In a rare tangible achievement from the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, President Barack Obama said Saturday he was optimistic that work on the American-backed trade pact, dubbed the Trans-Pacific Partnership with the U.S. and eight other countries, could result in a legal framework by next year.

For the U.S., the initiative is seen as a way to break through bottlenecks and open new business opportunities.

"An important step to unlocking global economic growth will be expanding trade in the Asia-Pacific, and the TPP holds this key," said Thomas Donohue, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, an influential business lobbying group. He urged the group to move quickly in drawing up a timeline that is "comprehensive, enforceable, and makes room for new entrants."

The United Steelworkers Union also welcomed the news.

"The USW appreciates the administration's aggressive outreach on ways that the TPP could support manufacturing and create jobs in the U.S.," the labour union said in a statement.

APEC joins 21 economies, both huge and tiny, rich and poor. As always, the divergence between rich and developing economies — and between the U.S. and China - was apparent.

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▶ U.S. President Barack Obama greets Chinese President Hu Jintao, left, during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit leaders plenary session in Kapolei, Hawaii.

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Let's see …

The average price of a house in Vancouver ensures that only a select few, most of them from somewhere else, will be able to buy one.

The price of gasoline is higher in Vancouver than anywhere else except maybe Antarctica, but that's not preventing the politicians from adding another two cents a litre to the gas tax for the Ever-red Line.

And let's not forget the tent city right in the middle of downtown, which will probably stay there until the Supreme Court of Canada reviews the case … someday.

Good thing there's a civic election coming up on Saturday and we can exercise our democratic right to vote.

Our democratic right to vote could use a little exercise. It's getting flabby. Only 31 per cent of the Vancouver electorate voted in the last election, the fourth-worst turnout since 1930.

"So, as you stand in the rain waiting for the bus and it passes you by because it's too full, remember that at least seven out of 10 people getting soaked to the bone don't bother to vote."

So, as you stand in the rain waiting for the bus and it passes you by because it's too full, remember that at least seven out of 10 people getting soaked to the bone don't bother to vote.

Or seven out of the 10 people grumbling at the gas pump.

Or seven out of 10 people camped out on the front lawn of the art gallery protesting the failure of the government, the economy, the society, the culture and the weather.

Or seven out of 10 people who are against people camping out on the front lawn of the art gallery.

The more at stake, the less we vote. More = less. Talk about an equation that doesn't add up.

I've already voted. I vote in North Van district, where only 17 per cent voted in the last election. About one in 10 people voted for Mayor Richard Walton, who helped raise the gas tax to pay for the Ever-red line. You can argue with his decision — but you can't argue with his power. He's vice-chair of Metro Vancouver, even though he only got 20,365 votes in the last election.

And that's nothing compared to board chair Lois Jackson. She was elected mayor of Delta with 12,104 votes. A city of 2.5 million people is being run by someone with 12,000 votes.

"What if they called an election and nobody bothered to show up?" is not a rhetorical question. It's just the sad truth. And it comes just a week after Remembrance Day, when we honour those who died for what has turned out to be a poor excuse for democracy.

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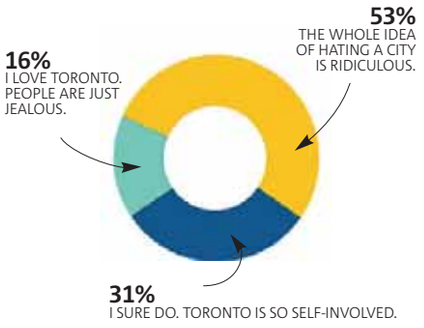
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16%
I LOVE TORONTO. PEOPLE ARE JUST JEALOUS.
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Local tweets

- **@VisionVancouver:** #leadership: Vision will expand #YVR food cart program w. minimum of 17 new carts per year for next 3 years bit.ly/oyuXee #vanelxn
- **@BLAH_CITY:** to all candidates/voters: If bicycle are 4% of all trips in Metro Vancouver (@translink figure), where can we get to in next 3 years and how?
- **@VanMarkets:** What do you think of the idea of a local food hub for Vancouver? Check out the New City Market site & business plan: bit.ly/vKw1Ki
- **@heyrosetta:** Had a blast in Seattle last night, can't wait to get back there and do it all again. Commodore tonight in Vancouver! So very excited.
- **@BCLions:** Thoughts and prayers are with the family of #BCLions athletic therapist Bill Reichelt today as they mourn the loss of their son.
- **@sportsnetmurph:** #canucks Luongo starts vs NYI. Jannik Hansen will likely start game with the Sedins.

Worth Mentioning

HERMAN CAIN SAYS JOKE ABOUT ANITA HILL WAS 'MEANT TO BE FUNNY'. U.S. Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain — facing allegations of sexual harassment — is defending a joke he made about Anita Hill.

Cain said he was approached at a recent event by a supporter who said Hill was trying to contact him.

Cain responded by asking whether Hill was going to endorse him. Hill famously accused then-Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment.

In an appearance Friday on Fox News Channel, Cain called the supporter's comment "hilarious" and said his own reply was meant to be funny.

Four women have said Cain sexually harassed them when he led the National Restaurant Association more than a decade ago.

Some Cain backers have compared the Georgia businessman's treatment to that of Thomas, another high profile black conservative.

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WEIRD NEWS

Italian team tackles mafia on soccer pitch

The Italy national team trained yesterday on a pitch that was confiscated from a crime syndicate to show support for the fight against the mafia.

Cesare Prandelli's team was welcomed onto the pitch by about 1,000 spectators. The initiative was organized by Libera — an association that co-ordinates groups trying to stop organized crime.

"The fight against the mafia happens on the ground, but above all in Rome, in parliament," Libera president Luigi Ciotti said. "The real fight against the mafia is done with social policies, defending jobs, starting with those who have them.

"I invite the football federation to join Libera's network of 1,600 associations without political colours."

Calabria's 'Ndrangheta crime syndicate is today considered more powerful than the Sicilian mafia and has become one of the world's biggest cocaine traffickers.

"It's the third time we've inaugurated this pitch," Ciotti added. "Either we really put ourselves to work for change, or it will all be in vain. Change starts with each one of us."

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Lautner's 'were'withal

Twilight's main werewolf talks about the difficulty in translating some strange situations from the book onto the big screen Is mum on a rumoured future project with Milk filmmakers

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

For the fourth installment of the Twilight franchise, Taylor Lautner knew he was going to be in for some pretty bizarre stuff — even for a franchise about vampires, werewolves and moody teens. His character, the werewolf Jacob, finds himself in the awkward position of "imprinting" on Renesmee, the newborn daughter of Bella (Kristen Stewart) and Edward (Robert Pattinson). "That was ... tough," Lautner admits. "Because what is imprinting? What do you look like when you imprint? I mean, those were all the questions going through my head."

For the uninitiated, imprinting is what happens when a werewolf finds his soulmate, at least in author Stephenie Meyer's world.

"Luckily we had Stephenie on set the entire time, and trust me I asked her a million times, 'OK, explain to me one more time what imprinting is exactly?' and 'What is he doing when he's imprinting?' It was very, very confusing," Lautner says.

HANDOUT

▶ Taylor Lautner says he goes back and forth with his character Jacob's persistence to be with Bella.

And filming the sequence didn't necessarily make it any clearer, unfortunately, thanks to the mechanics of the special effects. "When we filmed it, they put an X on a wall and said, 'This is Renesme. You're going to walk in the room, you're going to look at the X and you're going to imprint,'" Lautner remembers.

"And I'm like, 'Are you kidding me?' It was tough, it really was. But now after seeing the final version, I'm really happy with it. It really is a special moment, but on the day it was a leap of faith."

The business with the baby was something he'd been anticipating, of course, and he admits that while he gets the overall romance of the story, it does seem like an odd consolation prize. "I get a baby? Yeah, yeah. I have gotten over that by now," he says. "I remember the first time reading the book, I was so confused. I was like, 'Wait. He's trying to get Bella the whole time, and he strikes out so he goes with her child?' It really took a second."

What's next for Lautner

Since Taylor Lautner shared a dinner with director Gus Van Sant and screenwriter Dustin Lance Black recently, Hollywood insiders have been speculating about some sort of team-up. All that came to a head when, earlier this month, it was reported that Lautner would be starring in a movie directed by the Milk filmmaker, based on an unidentified article published in the New Yorker. Lautner is cryptic when pressed on the issue.

"He is a very, very talented director who I've always looked up to and I've always wanted to work with," he says. "It's very premature, so I really don't have much so say now other than the fact that I really, really respect and would love the opportunity to work with him." As for the report that it's based on a New Yorker article? "Um... there is a project like that floating around somewhere on this planet," Lautner says.

For the love of dogs

Author Susan Orlean talks about her decade of work in writing her new book on wonder dog Rin Tin Tin

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Bestselling author Susan Orlean keeps expecting someone to drop off a German shepherd dog at one of her readings any day now.

"I keep assuming someone will show up with one," she laughs. "But so far, no dog."

It would be a fitting gift for Orlean. After all, she is the mastermind behind the definitive new book about the most famous German shepherd of all time, Rin Tin Tin.

And it wasn't just because she was a dog person that she decided to spend 10 years of her life researching and writing Rin Tin Tin: The Life and Legend.

"What took it from just being an afternoon spent goofing around on Google to a book was the complexity of the story," she notes.

"Of course, Rinty was a dog, and that made it irresistible.

"But the thing that really made it for me was sometimes the more you research, the more things become small and familiar.

"Here, it was just the opposite.

"The more I learned, the more it grew and it just became a bigger and bigger story."

Orlean's account of Rin Tin Tin — the world's first canine film star and, arguably, the most successful dog brand of all time — is hitting shelves at the same time a slew of other bigtime books about dogs are also being published, notably Jill Abramson's The Puppy Diaries and Julie Klam's Love at First Bark.

Orlean is diplomatic towards her competition. "There's just a huge emotional tie to all things dog right now.

"People really love their dogs — and they really love to read about them."

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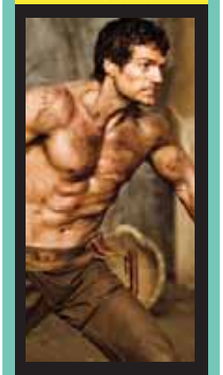
▶ Rin Tin Tin was the world's first canine movie star.

Scene in brief



The gods of ancient Greece have extended their rule to the weekend box office with a No. 1 debut for the action tale Immortals. The film took in $32 million domestically, while studio estimates Sunday put Adam Sandler's new comedy Jack and Jill at No. 2 with a $26 million opening. Puss in Boots was No. 3. It earned $25.5 million.

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Meryl Streep, Ralph Fiennes lead Oscars tribute to Vanessa Redgrave in London.

Baker is on call

The Mentalist's Simon Baker takes a stab at playing a soulless Wall Street wizard in Margin Call Shares his thoughts on greed and morality

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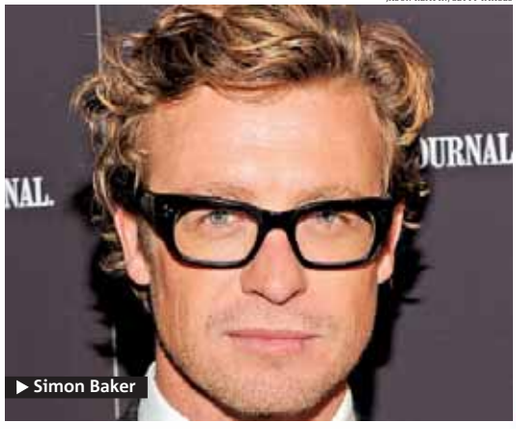


▶ Simon Baker

Simon Baker's affable, open Patrick Jane on the TV phenom The Mentalist is light years away from the mannered, restrained wizard of Wall Street he plays in the financial thriller Margin Call. Jared Cohen leads a team of self-serving execs to find a way to cover his company's worthless leverage in the first days of the economic meltdown.

You play a seemingly soulless man caught in one of the worst disasters of our time.

If there is any parallel I can draw in the journey, my character is a device. We follow young Seth, Penn Badgley, and the young analyst played by Zachary Quinto and Kevin Spacey and a little of Demi Moore on emotional trips. Jared is largely a device, like the last scene that I have with Penn. Here is the young guy that wants to be Gordon Gekko and a hotshot, and he's definitely a product of that mould. I thought it was important to make a deal with the devil. He's not going to stand down and show signs of weaknesses in the offices with coworkers but that affected quality is what I was looking at, the protective shell. That's how they disconnect themselves emotionally.

It's an interesting view of the crash, seeing not from the victims' point of view, but from the perpetrators. Are we meant to feel sympathy?

I don't think we're meant to feel sympathy but I think that what it does reflect is that they are human and fallible. It's just too easy to pin an idea of them being soulless, inhuman people. I don't think we should feel sympathy, but understand that greed really is a part of human nature and it can take over and this is where we see it. Deep down inside Kevin Spacey there is a lot of soul. His humanity sort of wins out, and in my case you can see vulnerability a tiny bit but he never lets it show.

Morality is the core of the film, the idea being that amorality in business works.

Writer director J. C. Chandor is the son of a guy that worked his whole career in the finance industry and he's a pretty folksy kind of a guy. He's obviously going to impart his own soulful kind of approach to what that world is and his take on it and play with the idea of it being a morality tale. But he doesn't. At some points it is heavy handed, but there are some grace notes and delicate notes, that are hard to verbalize that just land sometimes. There are certain moments, particularly Paul Bettany's performance.

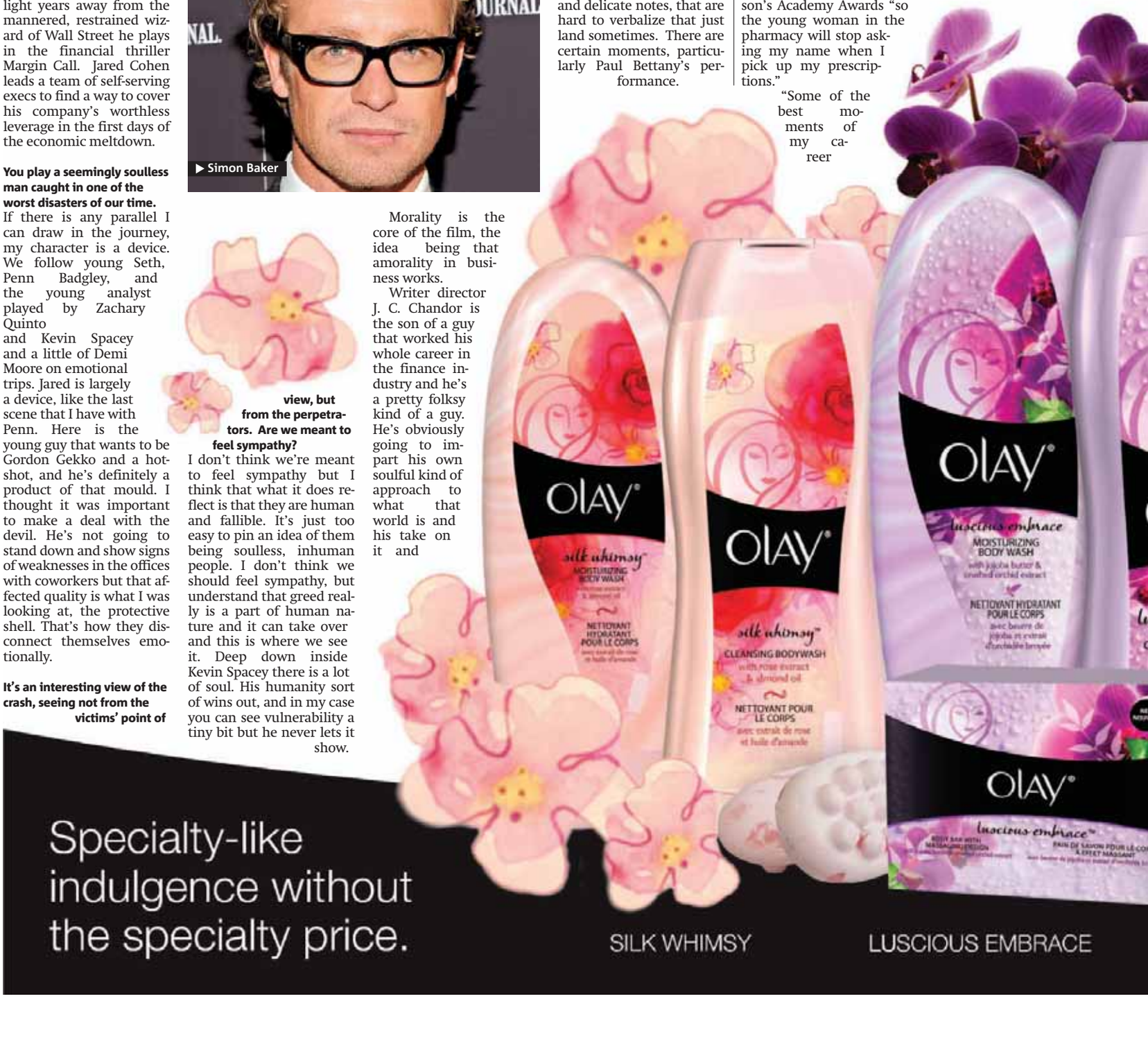
Billy's back

Crystal returns to host Oscars for the ninth time

The 63-year-old comedian and veteran Oscar host said Thursday on Twitter that he is hosting this season's Academy Awards "so the young woman in the pharmacy will stop asking my name when I pick up my prescriptions."

"Some of the best moments of my career have happened on the Oscar stage," said Crystal in a statement from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. "I am thrilled to be back there."

This will be the ninth Oscar stint for



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▶ Billy Crystal

Crystal, one of the most popular Oscar hosts of recent years. His last time was in 2004. Only Bob Hope hosted more Oscar shows. Academy president Tom Sherak called Crystal "a comic legend and Oscar icon, and it feels good to have him back where he belongs."

The naming of Crystal follows a groundswell of sentiment for his return after he led a tribute to Bob Hope on the 2011 Oscar show for which he received a standing ovation.

Crystal previously hosted in 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1997, 1998, 2000, and 2004 — some of the most successful shows in Oscar history.

Comedian Eddie Murphy had been chosen to host the Feb. 26, 2012, show, but pulled out Wednesday following the departure on Tuesday of producer and friend Brett Ratner, who left amid criticism of his use of a pejorative term for gay men at a screening of the director's action comedy Tower Heist.

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Is Adam Sandler zero per cent funny?

Comedian's latest movie, Jack and Jill, gets trashed by critics Here, some of the biggest flops of all time

HANDOUT

▶ Adam Sandler's Jack and Jill has the dubious honour of being among the worst-reviewed movies of all time.

This weekend, Adam Sandler's comedy Jack and Jill, in which he cross-dresses to play his own sister, debuted to a zero per cent — later upped to three per cent — rating on the critic aggregation website Rotten Tomatoes. Even Yogi Bear and The Smurfs scored higher.

Here are the few films that scored even worse — zero per cent and staying there.

Troll 2 (1990)
The cult classic, about a group of vegetarian monsters, is so bad, it was the subject of a documentary called Best Worst Movie — directed by one of the cast members. Funniest part: there are no trolls in Troll 2.

Pinocchio (2002)
Remember Roberto Begnigni? The Life is Beautiful actor who won the Oscar and climbed over the chairs at the ceremony? He cast himself as Pinocchio in this live-action disaster. "What can one say about a balding 50-year-old actor playing an innocent boy carved from a log?" asked one critic.

Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2 (2004)
Talking babies battle bad guys with super powers and farts. It's from the director of another critically-acclaimed hit: Porky's.

Strange Wilderness (2008) and Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star (2011)
One's a satire of nature documentaries, featuring Bigfoot, and the other is a satire of porn, featuring a small penis.

Who executive produced these masterpieces? Adam Sandler.

METRO

Daily Show's Bee savours Canadian work

Comedian keeps busy with TV guest appearances, parenting blog **Toronto native says she loves to come home**

Regular appearances as the "most senior" correspondent on The Daily Show haven't stopped Samantha Bee from squeezing in a slew of Canadian side projects.

But living and working in New York has made it difficult for the sharp-tongued comic to actually watch the Canuck TV shows she appears in.

Bee bemoans the fact that she'll again be in the U.S. when her upcoming cameo on CBC-TV's Michael: Tuesdays and Thursdays airs tomorrow.

"It is actually crazy that I can't even watch the show," Bee says in a recent phone interview from her New York office, where she was working on a segment for The Daily Show.

If it weren't for all the work she's been getting north of the border, Bee might not ever get to see any Canadian series, she notes.

"I have a role in (HBO Canada's) Good Dog as well and so I was in Canada shooting that and I was able to watch I think three episodes of (Michael: Tuesdays and Thursdays), which I thought was terrific," says Bee, who appears as a TV talk show host on this week's instalment.

She notes she had never even seen the psychiatry sitcom when she accepted an invitation to be on it, but had a good feeling about the show. Bee says she was drawn to Michael by the prospect of sharing the screen with longtime friend and star Matt Watts, who she's known for "years and years and years" stretching back to their sketch comedy days in Toronto.

"He actually was incredibly influential — he's one of the people who made me go into comedy," says Bee, part of an all-female comedy troupe called The Atomic Fireballs before she joined The Daily Show in 2003.

Bee says Watts, the show's co-creator along with The Drowsy Chaperone writer Bob Martin, is just as neurotic in real life as his anxiety-plagued alter-ego Michael, although "delightfully" so.

The Toronto-born Bee — who joins a growing list of high-wattage stars to drop by Michael, including Ed Asner and Sandra Oh — says she relishes any opportunity to return home.

But it hasn't been easy with a demanding Daily Show schedule that keeps her busy year-round, she says. She notes she was flattered to be recently named Canadian Comedy Person of the Year but was unable to attend the ceremony.

"By the time it rolled around I wasn't allowed to take any more time off because I had (already) taken so much!" says Bee, who is also being awarded an international achievement award from the Toronto chapter of Women in Film & Television in December.

Still, Bee has made time to squeeze in writing for a cross-border parenting blog with friend and former Atomic Fireball partner Allana Harkin.

Their online column Eating Over the Sink, hosted by Babble.com, traces the ups and downs of raising children. Bee posts from New York while Harkin writes from Toronto.

It's not your typical parenting series, says Bee, who jokingly refers to her three kids — aged five, three and one — as "anchor babies" because they were born in the United States.

"In the parenting space, there's really not too much humour content. There (are) light humour/informative blogs out there but we just wanted to kind of dispense with the idea of being informational," says Bee, who is married to fellow Canadian and Daily Show correspondent Jason Jones.

"No practical wisdom will be obtained by looking at our blog."

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▶ Samantha Bee is flanked by Matt Watts, left, and Bob Martin in Michael: Tuesdays and Thursdays.

J.Lo rebounds with hot backup dancer

His name is Casper Smart and he's not into wearing shirts His special skills include 'krumping, acrobatics, breaking and popping'

THE WORD

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Jennifer Lopez has a thing for backup dancers.

Not only was her second husband, Chris Judd, one (before he got that sweet, sweet divorce settlement, that is) but it seems like her new rebound, Casper Smart, is one as well.

The rhythmic Smart has, according to his personal website caspersmart.com (which he has since taken offline since Us Weekly broke the news that he and Lopez are dating), had a role in Honey 2 and was a dancer in Step Up 3D.

His special skills include "krumping, acrobatics, breaking [and] popping."

Another skill? He's never in a shirt!

A source tells Us Weekly that he's "popular with the ladies because he goes shirtless!"

So there you have it. Jennifer Lopez is now into men who can krump, break, pop, and not clothe themselves.

▶ Kim Kardashian

Kardashian is back in the news (again)

Be careful about what you say about Kim Kardashian.

The newly single reality star has hired lawyer Marty Singer to silence Jonathan Jaxson, who says he is her former publicist and claims her 72-day marriage to basketball player Kris Humphries was a giant farce, according to TMZ.com.

On Friday, Jaxson told Good Day L.A., "The whole show itself was staged to a T."

Earlier, he told the Elvis Duran Morning Show, "She knew weeks before getting married she didn't want to do it. She's never gotten over [former boyfriend/NFL player Reggie Bush]."

Kardashian is suing Jaxson for $200,000, a sum that seems low for a Kardashian.

But maybe she's just trying to raise some capital to pay the return postage on all of those wedding presents she has to return?

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▶ Jennifer Lopez

Celebrity tweets

@diablocody

iPhone's SmartType feature really doesn't want me to describe things as "rockin'." I guess it is smart.

@ActuallyNPH

Break a leg, @BillyCrystal. The Oscars are lucky to have you.

@Joan_Rivers

The Conrad Murray verdict has made me realize that Michael Jackson's life and death has touched more people than even Herman Cain.

@jasonsegel

This is the best day ever. So many new friends already. I will do my best to make equal time for most of you

Madge wants a family man... well, kinda

Madonna puts a lot of thought into her boyfriends.

"I don't necessarily like to use the word lover because it sounds like they just come over and have sex with you. I aspire to more than that, and I need more than that," the singer, who is currently dating French breakdancer Brahim Zaibat, tells Harper's Bazaar.

"It's also important that my children admire and respect this partner that I would choose for myself. Especially for my sons, who have their father, but they need a male role model as well.

So I need to keep this in mind: What is this person modelling to my sons, what kind of man is he, what values does he have, what energy is he giving off? Because they are impressionable. It's so important."

▶ Madonna

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Are you over-parenting?

Parents feel like they need to micromanage their children's every move so they fulfill their true potential But a more relaxed, hands-off approach to parenting takes pressure off kids and parents

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Being a parent is a stressful job. These days, you're not only expected to cover the basics — love, food, clothing, schooling, junior taxi service, but our perfectionist culture tells parents that we must also execute a punishing schedule geared to transforming our child into star pupil, tennis champ and school musical lead.

But hyper-parenting — where parents push their kids in the name of "fulfilling their potential" — doesn't necessarily lead to happier, healthier, more successful kids. Not every child can be the next Ronaldo or Picasso, and parental pressure and over-involvement can lead to children's anxiety, fear of failure and inability to be self-reliant.

Economist Dr. Bryan Caplan caused a stir earlier this year with his book, Selfish Reasons to Have More Kids: Why Being a Great Parent is Less Work and More Fun than You Think, which suggested that hot-housing has little long-term effect on your child. Caplan points out that studies on twins and adopted kids show that the long-term effects of parenting have little impact on a wide variety of outcomes including health, happiness, intelligence and success.

Children can't be molded, he says. Like flexible plastic, they respond to pressure but return to their original shape when pressure is released, so there's no point trying to change them. "Even happiness is not something that parenting makes or breaks," says Caplan.

"Hyper-parenting is exhausting. It turns childrearing into a cross between a competitive sport and product-development"
CARL HONORE

Because you can't change your kids, pushing them to excel is a waste of time and a burden on your relationship with them, say supporters of a new type of more serene parenting.

"We all want the same thing: for our children to be happy and healthy and to reach their full potential," says Carl Honore, slow advocate and author of Under Pressure: Rescuing our Children from the Culture of Hyperparenting. "And we can all have this if we get the right balance between doing too much for our children and doing too little."

Focusing less on kids is better for parents, too. Those who over-parent are three times more likely to suffer depression and anxiety, according to clinical psychologist Dr. Madeline Levine, who believes that over-involved parenting is parents' way of correcting what they saw as wrong in their own lives. It's also better for your kids if you invest in your relationship.

"Hyper-parenting is exhausting. It turns childrearing into a cross between a competitive sport and product-development," says Honore. "It's tiring, expensive and stressful. All this puts a squeeze on a marriage, with both partners feeling tired and overstretched. They also have less time to spend together on their own. Ultimately, it can break a marriage."

But if we all want the best for our kids, how do we get a balance between providing opportunities and being hands-off? Caplan says if you're consciously thinking about your parenting style, you're already on the right track.

"Ignore the panic and peer pressure; your child will be fine," Honore advises. "Trust your instincts. Find your own way to parent. Listen to and observe your child.

"A child is not a project or a trophy or a piece of clay you can mould into a work of art. A child is a person who will thrive if allowed to be the protagonist of his own life."

Over-parenting

Economist Dr. Bryan Caplan shares signs to help you know if you're over-parenting.

- You find yourself yelling at your kids when you're in the process of doing something that is for their "benefit". The activity is hurting the relationship for the sake of a future benefit you can't guarantee.
- Your child doesn't sleep through the night after three months. Train him to sleep, rather than always going into his room.
- You're en route to an activity, and both you and your kid can't face it. If your child is complaining and you're thinking you can't be bothered to go, it's clearly become a chore.

British study: Should clocks move forward so kids can play outside longer?

Tips

SLOW PARENTING

CARL HONORE
SLOW-PARENTING ADVOCATE

- Experiment with not reading parenting manuals and websites for a week. Try to work out your own style of parenting and what works best for your family rather than worrying about what everyone else is doing.
- The next time you take your child to the playground, resist the temptation to jump in and co-play at every turn. Back off so your child can play on her own or with other children.
- Schedule a few hours each week that are free of structured activity when the family can rest, chat, play games, cook together — whatever you feel like when the moment arrives.
- Let your children tell you how school went today, rather than demanding a full debriefing the moment they step through the door.

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▶ Playing in the leaves is more fun than soccer coaching, for you and your children.

CASE STUDY

Wise mom: "I refuse to compete"

Sarah is a mother of two from Vancouver:

"It is my belief that we move from competing with our peers (with jobs, experiences, money, homes, cars, etc.) to competing with our peers through our children (number of languages they speak, their grades, how many laps they can swim, etc.).

I have taken a strictly conscious decision to not engage in that.

The number of activities that some of my kids' peers do is nuts. Some play hockey five times a week, piano, soccer and have extra tutoring – It takes parents, grandparents and nanny to keep that schedule. I've seen kids who are tiny for their age, always tired and never have time for unstructured, creative play with kids their age. Makes me wonder what important part of them is not being developed.

I see a lot of parents here forget that the foundation of their family – of their children – is the relationship between the parents. When that crumbles, the whole show goes down!

EMMA E. FORREST

Go red this soup season

Pull out the slow cooker and make this red pepper soup that beats the cold with its hearty texture, combo of veggies and spices Top it with feta

THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

▶ This recipe serves six.

It's about that time to dust off the slow cooker for another season of simmering savoury meals and delicious soups. Here for soup lovers is a tempting recipe for a roasted red pepper soup to tantalize the taste buds.

Preparation:

1. In bowl, combine feta, oregano, half ground pepper. Set aside.
2. In slow cooker, combine onion, carrot, celery, tomatoes, red peppers and broth.
3. Secure lid and cook on high for 4 to 6 hours or 8 to 10 hours on low.
4. Working in batches in a blender, food processor or using a hand immersion blender, purée the soup mixture to your desired consistency.
5. Return to slow cooker and hold on warm until ready to serve. Stir in lemon juice and remaining pepper before serving. Garnish each serving of soup with 30 ml (2 tbsp) of the feta mixture.

Ingredients:

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) crumbled feta cheese
- 5 ml (1 tsp) finely chopped fresh oregano
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) freshly ground pepper, divided
- 1 each onion and carrot, chopped
- 1/2 celery stalk, chopped
- 1 can (796 ml/28 oz) diced tomatoes (undrained)
- 1 l (4 cups) bottled red peppers, chopped
- 1 l (4 cups) sodium-reduced beef or chicken broth
- Juice of 1 lemon

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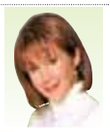
Rose Reisman's Swap It



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ECO-FRIENDLY FLOWER SERVICE BLOSSOMING

Are there any companies that create and deliver eco-friendly flower arrangements? ***Karly of Vancouver***

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My first suggestion: Ask your favourite florists if they have local, seasonal and pesticide-free flowers. Those three factors alone ooze eco-friendliness.

You're smart to avoid flowers that have been shipped from far, far away, and not just because of their carbon footprint.

Many cut flowers come from developing countries, where growers use toxic pesticides banned in Canada. And no one tests imported flowers for pesticide residues.

The florist might look at you funny, but when it comes to cut flowers, many of us shop with our noses. It's time we greened up our bouquet shopping skills.

The more who ask our local florists for pesticide-free blooms from local farmers, the quicker they'll clue in.

Another suggestion is to search Veriflora.com. Veriflora is a sustainability certification program for fresh cut flowers and potted plants.

Search their site by province for a company that abides by their agricultural sustainability certification and eco-labelling program.

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She's writing her own destiny

Kathleen Mailer is a multi-hyphenate businesswoman with a story to tell Do you have the knack to pen a novel?

TURNING POINT

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"We grew up in poverty and my Dad worked 24-7 to feed our family. At the end of his life he said, 'You're a mentor. Don't let people suffer the way mom and I did. Go out there and make a difference.'"

That was 12 years ago and today, Kathleen Mailer is a motivational speaker, Canada's leading authority on self-publishing, a business mentor, pastor, philanthropist, editor of Today's Businesswoman magazine and the author of 38 books.

"I realized life is too short to sit on your dreams. You have to it now. Make a decision and quit thinking, 'One day I'm going to...'. Get over your fears and past the inner terrorist that tells you can't do it. Tell them to go away."

Have you ever wanted to write a book? Kathleen will be holding workshops across Canada in the coming months and will be in Toronto on Nov.19.

"It's really easy to write books but a lot of people don't realize it."

Take Kathleen's advice and make it a turning point for you. Make a decision, move forward and kick that 'inner terrorist' to the curb.

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To creep or cash in?

Study indicates recent graduates are prioritizing Facebook freedom over a competitive salary

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New grads are facing higher unemployment rates than they've ever had to deal with before. It's no wonder we are hearing cries on the subject from the early 20s crowd. A new study, though, could raise some eyebrows over their priorities when it comes to careers.

The results of the U.S. study, conducted by Cisco and published by Hot Hardware, show that new college graduates care more about access to social networking sites than they do about salary when considering a job offer.

Shocked? About 56 per cent of the 2,800 students and young professionals polled across the globe are so turned off by the idea of logging out that they would most likely turn down or ignore a job offer from a company that banned those social networking sites.

The ability to work remotely also proved more important than pay. About 40 per cent said they would actually accept less money if it meant they could telecommute and use social networking sites on whatever device they wanted to while working.

A flexible work schedule was another plus — about one-third of respondents said it is their right, not privilege, to have flexible hours and permission to work remotely.

In the digital age we live in, it's probably no surprise that 81 per cent of the respondents said they want the freedom to choose what device they use for work. Additionally, 68 per cent said they think they should be able to surf social networking sites with their work devices.

And why not? Thirty-one per cent of young professionals who participated in the study said their social media know-how is one of the traits that landed them the job in the first place.

If being Facebook savvy is an important factor to employers during the interview process, then we guess it's no surprise that their employers will be updating their statuses at work.

These results are perhaps a sign of times as to how important social networking has become to the business world but, geez, what's next — a 40-hour work week?

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KEEPING DIABETES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Today is World Diabetes Day. This day marks the 120th birthday of Canadian Frederick Banting, who, more than 90 years ago, discovered insulin, a drug that is responsible for helping some of the 366 million people with diabetes around the world maintain a healthy life.

Jean Claude Mbanya

And yet, just shy of a century after it was discovered, many people are still unable to access the essential care they need. They are denied the right to a healthy future and, in many cases, the right to life.

Every year, more than four million people die from diabetes, and tens of millions more suffer disabling and life-threatening complications such as heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, blindness and amputation.

Diabetes also has negative consequences for certain infectious diseases, other non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and for mental health.

Diabetes is not only a health crisis, it is a societal catastrophe. Governments worldwide are struggling to meet the cost of diabetes care.

It is my hope that World Diabetes Day 2011 will carry forward the momentum started last September, when 193 heads of government and state signed a political declaration at the United Nations in New York. This momentous declaration was a product of the first ever meeting on the control and prevention of NCDs, including diabetes.

Today gives us the chance to come together and raise awareness of one of the deadliest epidemics of the 21st century, but it also gives us the chance to reflect on how we can help turn diabetes advocacy and rhetoric into action throughout the world.

Join the international diabetes community in celebrating this World Diabetes Day. Whether you choose to dress in blue, floodlight a local landmark in blue or alert a local government representative to the impact of diabetes in your community, we all have a part to play today.

It is time we stopped sleepwalking into a sick future. Act on diabetes, now.

– Jean Claude Mbanya, president, International Diabetes Federation

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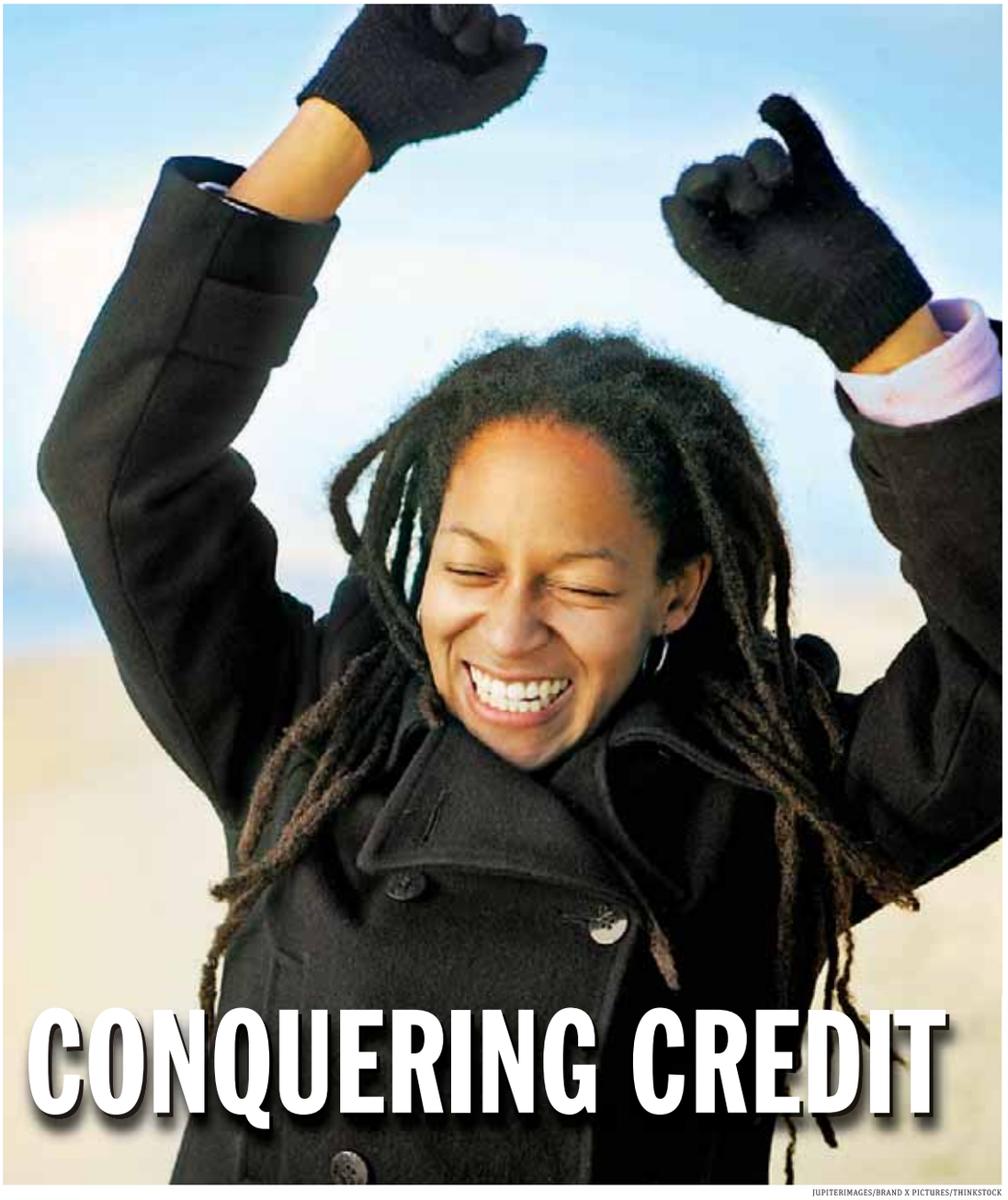

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Now in its fifth year, CEWC 2011 will be looking at Canada's "Sandwich Generation" and the unique financial pressures they face.

Did you know:

• Eighty-two per cent of Canada's Sandwich Generation are not financially prepared, or don't know if they will be able to support their aging parents.

• One-third of those Canadians who support both a child and aging parents provide more than $500 per month to support their parents.

COMPELLING STORIES ACROSS CANADA

Credit Canada and Capital One Canada sponsored a contest asking people to share their inspiring or compelling stories about how they conquered their credit issues and how it changed their life. Contributors were asked to share their stories in 300 words or less.

Dale Koe of Toronto submitted the winning entry worth $5,000, Dawn Erstelle from Winnipeg took home $2,000 for the second-place story, while Esme Gosling from Pender Island, B.C., cashed in the third-place entry, which was worth $1,000.

Beginning today, and running through to Friday, more than 100 events and financial literacy workshops at YMCAs and community centres across the country will occur under the Credit Education Week banner thanks to the support and funding of all sponsors.

Tomorrow, the founding sponsors of CEWC — Credit Canada and Capital One Canada — will officially kick off the week with the launch of its Professional Development Day at the Toronto YMCA.

The event launch, hosted by Alison Griffiths, host of the television program Maxed Out, is a unique opportunity for financial industry leaders to bring consumer awareness to the myriad of financial issues impacting Canadians, as well as show their support and commitment to financial literacy initiatives.

The day will feature an impressive slate of speakers from media, not-for-profit and key government agencies, who will discuss the many financial management issues affecting Canada's Sandwich Generation. Neil Pasricha, author of The Book of Awesome, will deliver the event's keynote address.

CEWC 2011's event launch is free and open to the public.

The climax of every CEWC is the dinner gala, which will be held Wednesday at the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto. The gala will be hosted by CTV's consumer affairs expert Pat Foran, while bestselling author and international entrepreneur Debbie Travis will deliver the gala's keynote address.

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DALE KOE SHEDS EXPENSIVE CLOTHES, LIVING WITHIN BUDGET

"Do you think that looks good? People will LAUGH at you," my dad would say when I was a teenager.

He used to berate me for wearing baggy clothes (which were "in" by the way). Maybe I took it to heart because shortly after I grew an appetite for expensive cottons, custom tailoring and, of course, show-stopping accessories.

I wake up on my 1,200 thread-count bedsheets, turn over on my side and look at my Omega watch — 6 a.m. I hate getting up sometimes, especially after having expensive takeout at 11 p.m. right before bed.

So I drag myself off to the shower and do my thing, come back to my room and look in my closet. Thinking about it, there must be more than $4,000 worth of clothing in there.

Well, keeping up appearances is important, right? Right! So who will I be today? Hugo? Giorgio? Mr. Lauren? I choose Hugo and head off to class.

Skip ahead three years, after I discovered my taste in finer clothing wasn't just a small expense, but had accumulated to thousands of dollars worth of debt. I was unemployed while going to university, living on student loans and my credit cards. I had to rethink my entire budget (if there ever was one) because, hell, I needed to eat.

Now, I'm living with the budget, slowly chipping away at my debt. Last week, I shopped for clothes at an "Honest" discount store in Toronto; I bought three sweaters, a jacket, and a pair of pants for $49. If only I had thought of entrusting my appearance to Ed, instead of Yves, Tommy, and Mr. Ferragamo sooner I would be eating fresh fruit from a bowl instead of eating processed fruit from a can.

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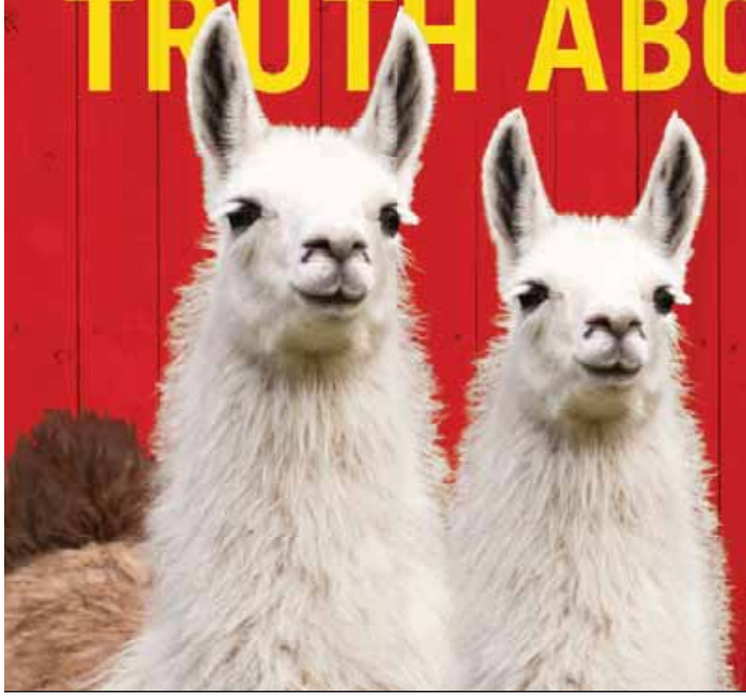

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DAWN ERSTELLE TAKES REALISTIC APPROACH TO ELIMINATE DEBT

THE YEAR: 2010.

THE GIRL: 27 years old, no savings, no RRSPs, $10,000 student loan debt, $4,000 credit card debt, $30,000 annual income.

THE PROBLEM: I spent more than I earned and wagered on a wealthy future self.

After five hopeful years without a lottery win or large inheritance from an estranged family member, it was time to take a more realistic approach. I decided to make a lifestyle change.

Here's the thing, frugality is seen as a dull means to a long-awaited end when you are in your 20s and want something NOW.

Nobody is marketing responsible money management as cool, or advertising that savings accounts instead of personal loans will make you happy. Hardly anybody proclaims how much fun it is to save instead of spend, and few announce that it's hip to buy second-hand or not buy at all.

Luckily, I'm pretty secure with my level of cool, fun and hip so I had no qualms about experimenting with "conscious spending" two years ago.

I pared down my monthly expenses and attempted to purchase only necessary stuff like concert tickets, coffee and beer. I sold lots of my possessions, including my car, and decided not to upgrade any of my tech devices. I have primarily bought my clothes at thrift shops and made the majority of my meals at home.

Admittedly, this may sound like an unattractive situation, but here's the sexy part ... in two years:

- I have $10,000 in my "living the dream" savings account.
- I have eliminated all $4,000 in credit card debt (the student loans are slowly dwindling).
- I have $2,000 in an RRSP account.
- I have built healthy saving/spending habits

My living the dream muse? I'm flying to Asia this winter — seven countries, six months, zero days at the office and infinite possibilities!

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THIRD PLACE WINNER ($1,000)

MAYBE ESME GOSLING SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO HER MOM

Don't tell my mother, but she might have been right. I didn't want to admit it at the time, but a question like, "So, how do you earn a living?" might have been a good one.

Instead, I thought, "What does it matter? We're in love!" So what if our first date was spent at his house — well, his sister's house actually — watching a video that he downloaded and drinking Red Rose tea? It wasn't cheap, it was cosy.

Second date, much the same, but we did a lot of talking, and women love talking! As things progressed, it's true that he didn't buy me flowers or gifts (too predictable) — heck, he didn't even buy groceries, even though he was practically living with me at that point.

OK, you guessed it: Suddenly, he was living with me and how could I ask him to pay rent given how much he was doing around the house to help out? Doing what? Well, just stuff. You know. I, personally, didn't know because I was at work, but, you know.

But what woman wouldn't give anything for a man who would be there at the end of the day with a cup of tea, a hot bath, and yet another downloaded movie? I wouldn't give anything for it, but I did end up giving, approximately (OK, exactly) $12,958 a year for it. (Times two because I'm a slow learner in some ways, so it took me a couple of years.)

Finally, even I had to admit that while money doesn't buy happiness, it sure goes a long way towards rent and groceries. So, yes, mom, you do have my permission to do extensive financial background checks on the next man I bring home — as long as you don't say you told me so!

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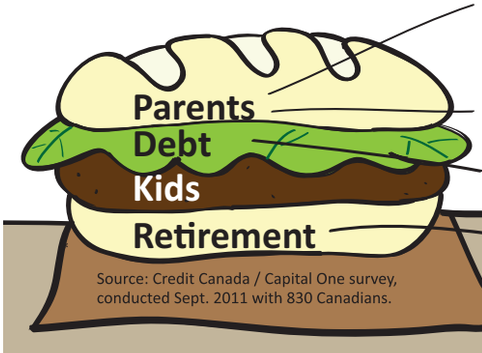
Canadians financially responsible for both parents and kids



82% aren't financially prepared, or don't know if they will be, to support aging parents

1/3 provide more than $500 a month to support parents

2/3 are accumulating more debt

55% worry that supporting aging parents will impact their own retirement.

Source: Credit Canada / Capital One survey, conducted Sept. 2011 with 830 Canadians.

Top Tips for the Sandwich Generation

1. See if you are eligible to claim the caregiver tax credit if parents over 65 live with you
2. Teach your children money skills, so they become financially independent sooner
3. Talk about your parents' financial realities before there is a care-giving crisis

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4 sports

Stampeders' Tate faces harsh playoff initiation

- Rookie quarterback says fumble in West semifinal was back breaker
- Eskimos will travel to BC Place for Sunday's division final against Lions

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▶ Edmonton's Damaso Munoz, left, tries to tackle Calgary's Henry Burris in the second half yesterday.

The Edmonton Eskimos punched their ticket to the CFL West Division final by capitalizing on a bizarre turnover yesterday to beat the Calgary Stampeders 33-19.

Eskimo linebacker Damaso Munoz said he couldn't believe his eyes when Calgary quarterback Drew Tate, with the Stampeders up 8-3 in the second quarter and threatening to score again, just dropped the ball as he prepared to throw it.

Munoz scooped it up and rumbled 77 yards for a touchdown to give the Eskimos a lead they would never relinquish.

"Up front they were getting after Tate, putting all that pressure on him and we got him rattled early, man," said Munoz.

"He just dropped the ball and I just picked it up and I took it in for the score."

Munoz said that was the turning point in the West Division semifinal, played before 30,183 fans at Commonwealth Stadium.

"We took the breath out of them on that play. We kept the momentum and we got the W," said Munoz.

Tate, speaking to reporters as he left the field, agreed.

"If I don't fumble we probably win this game — bottom line," he said.

The Eskimos rolled to a 25-9 halftime lead and then the defence took over, holding the Stampeders to three field goals and a single in the second half to seal the victory.

"I can truly say that our defence stepped up to the plate tonight," said Edmonton head coach Kavis Reed.

The 27-year-old Texan Tate was starting in his first CFL post-season game after taking over from starter Henry Burris with three games left in the regular season.

He completed five passes on 10 attempts with one interception before being pulled for Burris at the start of the second half.

"We changed quarterbacks to try to change some momentum on offence," said Calgary head coach John Hufnagel.

The West final will be the experience of veteran Edmonton QB Ricky Ray going up against the youthful exuberance of B.C. Lions' starter Travis Lulay.

Ray, in his ninth CFL season, is a two-time Grey Cup champion who finished third overall in passing this season with 4,594 yards and 24 touchdowns against 11 interceptions. Ray was 19-of-27 passing for 245 yards and a TD versus Calgary.

The 28-year-old Lulay enjoyed a stellar first full season as B.C.'s starter. The third-year CFL veteran finished second in CFL passing with 4,815 yards and was tied with Montreal's Anthony Calvillo for most TD strikes (32), with the two named finalists for the CFL's outstanding player award. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ESKIMOS	STAMPS
33	19

East Division

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats' decade of playoff frustration is over, and so is the Montreal Alouettes' reign as Grey Cup champion.

- Quinton Porter ran in from the one-yard line for a touchdown in overtime and the Tiger-Cats' defence stoned the Alouettes as Hamilton won a thrilling CFL East semifinal 52-44 over Montreal yesterday.
- It was the Ticats' first playoff victory since they beat Montreal in the 2001 semifinal. They will face the Blue Bombers in Winnipeg in the East final next Sunday.

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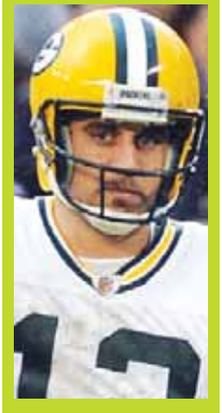

"There's different talk outside the locker-room and there will be if we continue to win. But I said it after last week's game, we're trying to be 1-0 after every week."

PACKERS QUARTERBACK AARON RODGERS. GREEN BAY IS HALFWAY TO 16-0 GOING INTO TONIGHT'S GAME AGAINST MINNESOTA.

Canucks beat Isles in return from road

CANUCKS	ISLANDERS
4	1

Aaron Rome had three points and Cody Hodgson added a goal and an assist to lead the Canucks to a 4-1 victory over the New York Islanders in Vancouver last night.

Henrik Sedin and David Booth, into an empty net, also scored for Vancouver (9-8-1), which dominated the Islanders despite returning from a six-game road trip.

Matt Moulson replied for New York (4-7-3).

Roberto Luongo was strong in goal, making 23 saves. The defence, which has been error-prone for much of the season, limited New York's chances. And a new-look offence, which featured an effective third line of Maxim Lapierre, David Booth and Cody Hodgson, peppered Evgeni Nabokov with 36 shots.

Hodgson in particular had one of his stronger games of the season.

With the Canucks leading 2-1 early in the third period, the rookie parked himself at the side of the net on a power play and chipped a Rome shot past Nabokov for his fourth of the season. Hodgson also got it going for Vancouver in the first, leading a rush that ended with Rome backhanding a puck past Nabokov on the game's first shot. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Aaron Rome, who missed the first 14 games of the season with a broken finger, has three goals in his first four games back. In the first 131 regular-season games of his career, he had two goals.

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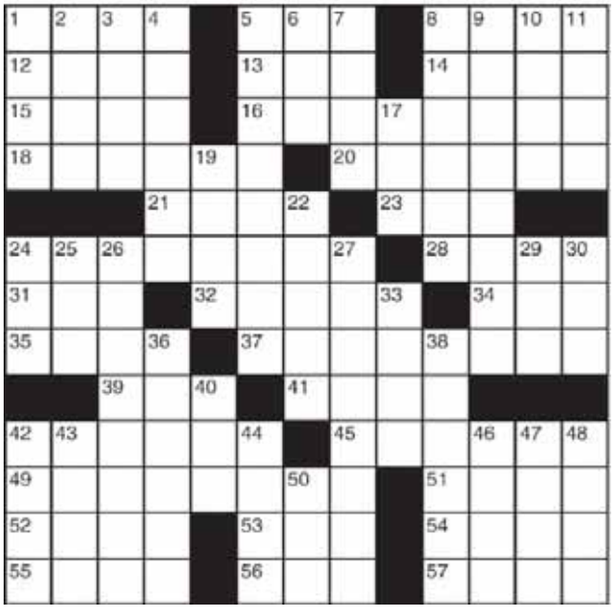

Across

1 Soft muddy stuff
5 Swabbie's tool
8 Cinderella's horses, really
12 Apiary structure
13 Anger
14 Out of control
15 Iowa city
16 Slapstick missile
18 Joan of Arc, for instance
20 Slanders in print
21 Cambodia neighbor
23 "Le Coq —"
24 "Old soldiers —"
28 Use a strainer
31 Opposite of 24-Down
32 "No man is an island" poet
34 Lincoln, to pals
35 Safecracker
37 Be dishonest
39 Historic time
41 Thin streak of smoke
42 Thespians
45 Concealed
49 Formal attire
51 Architect Saarinen
52 Tardy
53 Grecian vessel
54 Pet shop enclosure
55 Basin accessory
56 — -relief
57 Grandson of Eve

Down

1 Fraud
2 Peru's capital
3 Finished
4 Mortar's partner
5 Teeny-tiny photo reproduction
6 Bobby of hockey lore
7 Rind
8 Ballroom dances
9 Royal
10 Spring shape
11 — out (supplements)
17 Help
19 Three feet
22 Muscle connector
24 Opposite of 31-Across
25 Storm center
26 Produce plants
27 Peps up
29 Justice Dept. agcy.
30 Golf ball holder
33 Otherwise
36 Food merchant
38 Each
40 Noah's boat
42 Competent
43 Talon
44 Half a ticket
46 Slender
47 Therefore
48 Accomplishes
50 Playwright Levin

▶ Thursday's answer

Sudoku

4		7		9	3			5
	8		2					7
	2		7				6	
1							7	
		3	5		9	2		
	7							9
	3				4		8	
6					5		9	
9			3	8		1		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Thursday's answer ▶

5	4	9	3	7	8	2	1	6
3	6	1	4	2	9	5	7	8
7	2	8	5	6	1	9	4	3
1	9	4	2	8	6	7	3	5
6	7	5	9	1	3	8	2	4
8	3	2	7	4	5	1	6	9
2	5	7	6	9	4	3	8	1
4	1	3	8	5	7	6	9	2
9	8	6	1	3	2	4	5	7

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Mom
You are the greatest person I know! You have always been there for me, in every way, and I appreciate it so much. I try every day to be there for you because you deserve it! Love you **FROM E**

Whoever wrote L&L
Who are you??? What is this? Strange to me, but maybe it shouldn't be.
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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If there is something (or someone) you truly desire it will be yours by the end of the day.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You'll achieve a lot with a minimum amount of effort.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You will be helped out by some people and let down by others today.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If you need to ask a favor of someone now is the time to speak up.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Everything should be going well for you now and if it isn't then it can only be a matter of time.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You are worrying about something that will most likely never happen, which is a complete waste of time.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will do as you please today and if certain people don't like it, well, that's just too bad.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You need to make a change to your careeryou cannot do.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You are in such a positive frame of mind at the moment that you honestly believe there is nothing you cannot do.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't act too quickly on what you think you see or hear today, because chances are your senses are deceiving you

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Mars in your opposite sign brings partnership issues to the fore and there may be one or two harsh words spoken. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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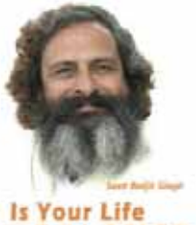
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